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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORTING-CODEL HUMPHREY

1. STAVANGER LABOR PARTY PAPER ROGALANDS AVIS CARRIES
THREE-QUARTER PAGE WITH PICTURE BASED ON INTERVIEW
SENATOR HUMPHREY GAVE TO PAPER'S EDITOR ON SUNDAY.
STORY LEADS WITH SENATOR'S COMMENT THAT "I DON'T HAVE
ANY PLANS AT THE MOMENT TO BECOME THE DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1976, BUT IF I GET A STRONG
CALL FROM MY PARTY,I WILL AGREE TO BE THE CANDIDATE;
HOWEVER,I WILL NOT RUN IN THE PRIMARIES."

2. STORY ALSO REPORTED FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM SENATOR;

A. WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL NEXT MARCH OR APRIL WHO THE
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE WILL BE.

B. PRESIDENT FORD HAS DONE MUCH TO REDUCE THE
LACK OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN POLITICIANS IN POST-WATERGATE
ERA.

C. THE SOVIETS HAVE GREAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
BECAUSE OF THEIR MILITARY SPENDING. THEY WOULD
LIKE TO CUT BACK ON MILITARY SPENDING, BUT THEY ARE
AFRAID TO DO SO FOR REAR THAT THE US WILL NOT RECIPROCATE.

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THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES, AND

WE MUST BREAK THIS VICIOUS CIRCLE. THIS IS ON OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT PROBLEMS FACING US TODAY.
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